

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | May 7, 2022

## **SARGENT COUNTY INJURY CRASH**

**What:** Two vehicle injury crash.

**Where:** ND Highway 13, mile marker 324, 14 miles west of Gwinner, ND

**When:** May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 4:13 PM.

**Road Conditions:** Normal

**Weather Conditions:** Dry/Sunny

**Crash Involvement:** Vehicle/Vehicle

**Type of Crash:** Rear End Collision

**Agencies Involved:** North Dakota Highway Patrol, Sargent County Sheriff's Office, Oakes Fire Department, Oakes Ambulance Service, and the Oakes Police Department.

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2016 Chevrolet Malibu

**Driver No. 1:** Amber Lorraine Amanda Ramsey, 35-year-old female, Oakes, ND, injured.

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn; airbags deployed

**Charges:** Failure to Maintain Control – Distracted Driving

**Vehicle No. 2:** 1998 Chevrolet Silverado

**Driver No. 2:** Marlynn Marie Zetocha, 69-year-old female, Stirum, ND, injured

**Restraints:** Seatbelt worn,

**Charges:** None

**NARRATIVE:** Zetocha was driving on ND Highway 13 escorting a tractor to rural Stirum, ND. Zetocha was driving with her hazards on at a slow rate of speed behind the tractor. Ramsey came upon Zetocha the same time she was utilizing her cell phone. Ramsey failed to recognize the slow speed and rear ended Zetocha at highway speed.

Ramsey's vehicle left the roadway, overturned, and came to rest on its side in the ditch. The ditch was full of water and submerged Ramsey's vehicle. Ramsey was able to extricate herself from the vehicle before it filled with water. Zetocha's vehicle remained in the roadway.

Both Ramsey and Zetocha were transported to the Oakes Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Ramsey was cited for failure to maintain control – distracted driving.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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